Financial aid to States from ADB

1434. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of teh States whcih received financial aid from ADB for economic and structural reforms;

(b) the details of the amount received by each State, State-wise; and

(c) the details of conditions for granting the financial assistance State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Gujarat has received US $ 250 million and Madhya Pradesh has received US $ 175 million.

(c) **Gujarat**

The project stipulations relate to reduction in fiscal, enabling environment for private sector participation, tax reforms and rationalization, divestment and restructuring of State-owned enterprises, reforms in power, port and road sector as agreed to by Government of Gujarat.

Madhya Pradesh

The project stipulations relate to public finance reform, public enterprise reform, corporate governance, enabling environment for private sector involvement, social development and institutional strengthening as agreed to by Government of Madhy Pradesh.

Chellapati Rao Committee on reorganisation of RRBs

1435. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a report from M.V.S. Chellapati Rao Committee on reorganization of Regional Rural Banks;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether Government have examined the recommendations; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to take action on the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) The Working Group constituted by Government to review the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 under the Chairmanship of Shri M.V.S. Chellapathi Rao, Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has not so far submitted its report.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Medium term loan to Rajasthan

1436. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan has approached the Central Government for sanction of a medium term loan to the State so as to remove the recurring problem of entering into overdrafts; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received and the decision taken thereon and/or the present status of its consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajasthan had sent a proposal to the Government of India to extend a medium term loan or allot extra market borrowings equivalent to the State's revenue deficit as on 31st March, 2002 in order to remove the State's problems of recurring overdrafts. The proposal was not agreed to.

Payment of salaries through banks

†1437. SHRI HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even in today's computerized age payments of salary to the employees of all Government departments including railways is made in cash;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.